

Minutes of the Public Works Committee – March 2, 2005

Chair Manke called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend, Peter Gundrum, Jim Jeskewitz, Rodell Singert, David Swan. **Absent:** Supervisor Karl Nilson.

Staff Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Offices Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

Also Present: Director of Public Works Rich Bolte, Senior Civil Engineer Kevin Yanny, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Reporter Scott Williams.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-121 Laying out, Relocation and Improvement of County Trunk Highway “I”, Waukesha County Project, Project I.D. 02-2790(16), Calhoun Creek Structure and Approaches, City of New Berlin, Waukesha County

MOTION: Gundrum moved, Swan second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-121.

Yanny, Bolte and Evans presented this ordinance. Yanny said during property acquisition for Capital Project 9908 Calhoun Creek Structure, a few errors were discovered. This ordinance corrects these errors and identifies right of way acquisitions for the project. These changes are not significant in terms of the budget but the county can't continue negotiating with landowners without correcting these errors. Sufficient funds (\$146,000) are included in the project budget to acquire land for this project so no additional funds are being appropriated. The ordinance also accepts the reservation of the south 83 feet for public highway purposes, which is required for public streets. The reservation is accepted and dedicated as road right of way per the description in the Warranty Deed.

Bolte explained that it is county policy that any land previously considered reserved and not useful to the county after completion of a project is returned to the previous owner.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Capital Project Updates: CTH “Q” and UW-Waukesha Northview Hall

CTH “Q” - Bolte said the widening of CTH Q to four lanes was to be done in two phases. The first phase of the project, which included CTH Q to the intersection at HWY Y, was put out to bid. The bids came back higher than budget for the first phase. In order to keep this phase of the project within budgetary limits, the termination point was changed. Phase one will be done this construction season and the second phase will be done in 2007. The new termination point of phase one is Hwy 175/Wellington Drive. Payne and Dolan, the lowest bidder, will be awarded the project. Waukesha County is working with Washington County on the road in Washington County. Washington County does not have a problem with the new division and timetable of this project. Phase two construction will continue to Colgate, Wisconsin.

Esler said \$10.75 million is budgeted for this project. How much were the bids? Bolte said the lowest bid for phase one was \$4.9 million. More money than estimated will be needed to complete this project. Evans said there is 2006 money for this project but due to timing issues, he doesn't feel land acquisition will be completed in time to start construction. Bolte said the 2007 timeline is more realistic. Evans said he thought this would have to be forced through because of timing issues related to Washington County completing their portion of the road. Fortunately, Washington County has not yet received federal funding for the road. Bolte said even if Waukesha County delays this project to 2007, Washington County will complete their project after ours. Bolte said both counties have worked

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closely on this project and it is going very well. He is satisfied with the agreement between Waukesha and Washington Counties.

UW-Waukesha Northview Hall - Bolte said this is a \$3 million project to renovate Northview Hall at UW-Waukesha. After discussion with the County Executive, this project was put on hold until it is decided the future mission of two-year schools in Wisconsin and whether or not these schools should be part of the four-year system. The money and language will stay in the project until this issue is resolved. He anticipates bids for this project to be \$100K to \$250K over budget. Bolte said he would come to the board to change the intent of the project if it turns out the current plan needs to be changed.

Manke said he doesn't want maintenance at UW-Waukesha to stop. Waukesha County has an obligation to take care of the facility. Bolte said the county just wants to delay this project.

Swan said he is pleased this project wasn't taken out but disappointed the project isn't moving forward. He would like to see renovations to the facility take place during the summer when there is less student traffic on campus. He doesn't agree with the \$1 sale price. It needs to be decided if this is a good deal for Waukesha County.

Bolte said if the intent of the school remains the same, he foresees construction taking place in 2006. If the facility changes to a four-year facility, the county may have to change the plans.

Manke said if Waukesha County turns the facility over to the state, it should be in updated condition. We let it go to hell and we've spent a lot of money updating it.

Esler said the current lease is with the Board of Regents and is non-revocable. There is a proposal at the state level to restructure the UW System. The state would have to pick up the costs for all 13, two-year campuses to become part of the UW System. If the UW Board of Regents wants to change this on the state level, the state legislature is also thinking about restructuring the technical college system into the UW System. It will be difficult to restructure the system within the next decade and would require state legislative action. Representative Kreibich is presenting a proposal today on the UW system but Esler wasn't sure what the proposal entails.

Read Correspondence

- Letter from James T. Dwyer (representing the Executive Committee) to Frank J. Busalacchi, WI DOT Secretary, regarding the I-94 East West/Zoo corridor.

Future Agenda Items

- Ordinance 159-O-018: Dispose of Building at 1120 Northview Road
- Tours of the Retzer Nature Center and the Justice Facility Additions
- Community Corrections and the Northview Property
- Justice Facility Project, Phase II (number of floors and courtrooms in the addition)

Approve Minutes of February 10, 2005

MOTION: Singert moved, Behrend second, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2005. Motion carried: 6-0.

Report from Executive Committee Member for Meeting of 2/14/05

Manke said the committee discussed and considered delinquent property parcels, an ordinance to carryover 2004 funds to the 2005 budget, the DHHS Long Term Care Division Audit, 2004 Annual

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Audit Plan, Scope of Parks and Land Use Ice Arena Audit, resolutions concerning AB/SB15, the Ethanol Bill and freeway reconstruction.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-R-015 Oppose AB/SB 15 which Mandates the Use of Ethanol in Automotive Gasoline in Wisconsin

Singert said two "Whereas" clauses in this resolution have the justification to oppose the bill. The second "Whereas" contains information from experts. Singert said he talked to Representatives Freese and Ott about this issue. The committee meets tomorrow on the issue and there are five to six amendments that will be discussed and acted on. Singert said Dave Krahn told him that if action were taken in an executive session, the bill would leave committee and go to the floor. The Waukesha County Executive Committee voted to approve the resolution 6-1.

Swan read information on ethanol from the Farm Bureau Country Today Newsletter, February 2005 edition. He is opposed to the resolution. Waukesha County is the only county in Wisconsin moving forward on this. Ethanol is good for many reasons including being a renewable source of energy and cleaner burning, providing higher paying jobs in the farm economy and byproducts used as animal feed, etc. The resolution doesn't have enough facts.

Jeskewitz said he's in favor of corn, farmers and less need for foreign oil but the fact this is a mandate bothers him. It shouldn't be mandated.

Behrend said he doesn't know why the county board is voting on this resolution. It isn't a county issue. He will vote against it.

MOTION: Singert moved, Gundrum second, to approve Resolution 159-R-015. Motion carried: 4-2 (Behrend and Swan voted no).

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, Gundrum second, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert
Secretary